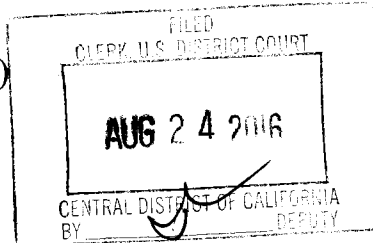


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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ALISU INVESTMENTS, LTD. and  
 KARGO GROUP GP, LLC

Plaintiffs,

v.

TRIMAS CORPORATION d/b/a NI  
 INDUSTRIES, INC., and DOES 1-  
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Defendants.

TRIMAS CORPORATION d/b/a NI  
 INDUSTRIES, INC.,

Counter-Claimant,

v.

ALISU INVESTMENTS, LTD. and  
 KARGO GROUP GP, LLC,

Counter-Defendants.

Case No.: 2:16-CV-00686-GHK(PJWx)

Hon. George H. King *AND*

**STIPULATION AS TO ~~PROPOSED~~  
 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Trial Date: None set

Second Amended Complaint Filed:  
 April 12, 2016

*This order does  
 not authorize the  
 parties to file  
 documents under  
 seal. PJW*

1 WHEREAS, it may be necessary or desirable to take discovery of  
2 information which is believed to be confidential and proprietary by the holder  
3 thereof; and

4 WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to obtain a protective order to prevent  
5 dissemination and unnecessary disclosure of such information on the public  
6 record; and

7 WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that a protective order does not confer  
8 blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, and would extend  
9 only to the limited information or items entitled to confidential treatment pursuant  
10 to applicable legal principles; and

11 WHEREAS, the parties believe that good cause exists for entry of a  
12 protective order in this case as follows:

13 **GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

14 The parties have stipulated to the entry of this Protective Order in regard to  
15 certain discovery material to be made available by the parties in this action. This  
16 discovery material includes trade secrets and/or confidential, proprietary and non-  
17 public documents and information, the public disclosure of which could be  
18 detrimental to the interests of the parties and/or related corporate entities;  
19 documents which may contain information that is personal and confidential to third  
20 parties, including individuals; and/or documents and information subject to a claim  
21 of privilege or immunity from discovery (including but not limited to attorney-  
22 client privilege, work product immunity, and immunities created by federal or state  
23 statute or regulation). The parties agree that the above-described documents and  
24 information, including electronically stored information, should be given the  
25 protection of an order of this Court to prevent irreparable harm through disclosure  
26 to persons other than those persons involved in the prosecution or defense of this  
27 litigation.

28 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, subject to the Court's  
approval, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(c), that the

1 following provisions shall govern the handling of such confidential information  
2 and documents in these proceedings:

3 1. The following definition shall apply to this Order: A “stamped  
4 confidential document” means any document, including any document produced  
5 electronically, which contains information that qualifies as confidential under state  
6 or federal law and which bears the legend (or which shall otherwise have had the  
7 legend recorded upon it or upon the medium in which it is produced, in a way that  
8 brings its attention to a reasonable examiner) “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
9 “CONFIDENTIAL-SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” to signify that it  
10 contains information subject to protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
11 26(c)(1)(G), or federal or state statute or regulation. For purposes of this Order, the  
12 term “document” means all written, recorded, electronically stored, or graphic  
13 material produced or created by a party or any other person, whether produced  
14 pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, subpoena, by agreement, or  
15 otherwise. Interrogatory answers, responses to requests for admission, deposition  
16 transcripts and exhibits, pleadings, motions, affidavits, and briefs that quote,  
17 summarize, or contain materials entitled to protection may be accorded status as  
18 stamped confidential documents, but, to the extent feasible, shall be prepared in  
19 such a manner that stamped confidential documents are bound separately from  
20 those not entitled to protection.

21 2. Stamped confidential documents and their contents, as well as copies,  
22 summaries, notes, memoranda and computer databases relating thereto, shall be and  
23 remain confidential, and shall not be disclosed in any fashion, nor be used for any  
24 purpose other than the analysis and preparation for trial of this action, except with  
25 the prior written consent of the party or other person originally designating a  
26 document as a stamped confidential document, or as hereinafter provided under this  
27 Order.  
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1           3.     Notwithstanding paragraph 2, stamped confidential documents may be  
2 disclosed to counsel for the parties to this action; to the partners, associates,  
3 secretaries, paralegal assistants, and employees of such an attorney to the extent  
4 reasonably necessary to render professional services in the litigation; to persons  
5 with prior knowledge of the documents or the confidential information contained  
6 therein, and their agents; to any mediator or settlement judge involved in alternative  
7 dispute resolution; to in-house counsel and officers of the parties to this action; and  
8 to court officials involved in this litigation (including the Court, judicial clerks,  
9 court reporters, persons operating video recording equipment at depositions, and  
10 any special master appointed by the Court). Subject to the provisions of  
11 subparagraph 3(d), such documents may also be disclosed:

12               (a)     to any person designated by the Court in the interest of justice,  
13 upon such terms as the Court may deem proper; and

14               (b)     to persons noticed for depositions or designated as trial  
15 witnesses to the extent reasonably necessary in preparing to testify; and to outside  
16 consultants or experts retained for the purpose of assisting counsel in the litigation;  
17 provided, however, that in all such cases, except as noted in paragraph 3(c) below,  
18 the individual to whom disclosure is to be made has signed a Confidentiality  
19 Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, containing —

20                       (1)     a recital that the signatory has read and understands this  
21 Order and will abide by it;

22                       (2)     a recital that the signatory understands that unauthorized  
23 disclosures of stamped confidential documents and their substance constitute  
24 contempt of court; and

25                       (3)     a statement that the signatory consents to the exercise of  
26 personal jurisdiction by this Court for purposes of enforcing this Order.

27               (c)     Each outside consultant or expert retained for the purpose of  
28 assisting counsel in this litigation to whom disclosure is made pursuant to

1 paragraph 3(b) above must sign a Confidentiality Agreement, the form of which is  
2 attached hereto as Exhibit A. That Agreement then must be returned to counsel  
3 hiring said expert or consultant, who shall retain any such Agreements during the  
4 pendency of the litigation.

5 4. Each person executing the Confidentiality Agreement submits to the  
6 jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcement of this Order, either prior  
7 to or following the completion of this action. Jurisdiction of this action is to be  
8 retained by this Court after final determination for purposes of enabling any party  
9 or persons affected by this Order to apply to the Court at any time for such direction  
10 or further decree as may be appropriate for the construction or enforcement of this  
11 Order or for such additional relief as may become appropriate.

12 5. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the disclosure by a party of  
13 stamped confidential documents that it has produced.

14 6. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the disclosure by any party of  
15 publicly available documents or information.

16 7. Stamped confidential documents included as part of any pleading or  
17 memorandum shall be filed according to this Court's Local Rule 79-5 and this  
18 Court's instructions under the Pilot Program for the electronic submission and  
19 filing of under seal documents.

20 8. Persons with knowledge may be deposed regarding stamped  
21 confidential documents or the subject matter thereof. Only the parties and persons  
22 described in paragraph 3, including the court reporter and the witness, shall be  
23 present at such depositions. Transcripts of said depositions shall be treated as  
24 stamped confidential documents in accordance with this Order.

25 9. If, at the time of trial, counsel for any of the parties attempts to  
26 introduce into evidence or use in cross-examination any stamped confidential  
27 documents, whether as part of a document or deposition testimony, counsel for  
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1 either party may request the Court to preserve the confidentiality of that stamped  
2 confidential document as the Court deems appropriate.

3 10. In the event that another party disagrees with a party's designation of  
4 any document or information as confidential, the objecting party shall advise  
5 counsel for the designating party, in writing, of the objection and identify the  
6 document or item with sufficient specificity to permit identification. Within 20  
7 days of receiving the objection, the designating party shall advise the objecting  
8 party's counsel whether the designating party will change the designation of the  
9 document or item. If this cannot be resolved between the parties, then the dispute  
10 will be presented to the Court by motion or otherwise. During the pendency of any  
11 such motion, the designated document or item shall continue to be treated as a  
12 stamped confidential document and subject to the provisions of this Order. On the  
13 hearing of any such motion, the burden shall be on the designating party to  
14 establish that the designated document or item should be deemed confidential.

15 11. Nothing in this Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from  
16 rendering advice to their clients in this litigation and, in the course thereof, relying  
17 generally on examination of stamped confidential documents.

18 12. If another court or an administrative agency subpoenas or orders  
19 production of stamped confidential documents which a party has obtained under the  
20 terms of this Order, such party shall promptly notify the party or other person who  
21 designated the document as confidential of such subpoena, order or other legal  
22 process.

23 13. If a producing party inadvertently or unintentionally produces to a  
24 receiving party any document or information without marking it as a stamped  
25 confidential document pursuant to paragraph 1, the producing party shall, within 30  
26 days of the discovery of the inadvertent production, give notice to the receiving  
27 party in writing and thereafter the receiving party shall treat the document as a  
28 stamped confidential document. Such inadvertent or unintentional disclosure shall

1 not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of the producing party's claim of  
2 restriction either as to specific documents and information disclosed or on the same  
3 or related subject matter.

4 14. If a producing party inadvertently or unintentionally produces to a  
5 receiving party any documents or information subject to a claim of privilege or  
6 immunity from discovery (including but not limited to attorney-client privilege,  
7 work product immunity, and immunities created by federal or state statute or  
8 regulation), the producing party shall, within 30 days of the discovery of the  
9 inadvertent production, give notice to the receiving party in writing of the  
10 producing party's claim of privilege or immunity from discovery. Thereafter, the  
11 receiving party shall immediately return to the producing party the original and all  
12 copies of the restricted materials, including copies of the restricted materials  
13 disseminated to other persons by the receiving party. The receiving party will be  
14 deemed to have notice that material is restricted if the party reasonably should  
15 recognize the material is privileged or protected from discovery, or upon written  
16 notice by the producing party. Such inadvertent or unintentional disclosure shall  
17 not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of the producing party's claim of  
18 privilege or immunity from discovery either as to specific documents and  
19 information disclosed or on the same or related subject matter. In the event that the  
20 receiving party disagrees with the producing party's claim of privilege or immunity  
21 from discovery, then the receiving party shall notify the producing party within five  
22 (5) business days of receipt of the producing party's written notice of claim of  
23 privilege, and shall set forth the precise grounds upon which the receiving party's  
24 position rests. If the parties cannot resolve the matter, then the dispute will be  
25 presented to the Court by motion or otherwise. During the pendency of any such  
26 motion, the receiving party shall not copy, distribute, or otherwise use in any  
27 manner the disputed documents or information, and shall instruct all persons to  
28 whom the receiving party has disseminated a copy of the documents or information



1 that the documents or information are subject to this Order and may not be copied,  
2 distributed, or otherwise used pending the motion and further notice from the Court.

3 15. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of  
4 this lawsuit. Within 90 days after final conclusion of all aspects of this litigation,  
5 stamped confidential documents and all copies of same (other than exhibits of  
6 record) either shall be destroyed or returned to the producing party. In the event  
7 that stamped confidential documents are produced in electronic form, or are put into  
8 electronic form by the receiving party with the consent of the providing party, then  
9 the receiving party shall delete all electronic copies of stamped confidential  
10 documents from all computer systems, disks, and other electronic medium and  
11 devices. All counsel of record shall make certification of compliance herewith and  
12 shall deliver the same to counsel for the party who produced the documents not  
13 more than 120 days after final termination of this litigation.

14 16. The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable  
15 measures to control and record, consistent with this Order, duplication of, access to,  
16 and distribution of stamped confidential documents, including abstracts and  
17 summaries thereof. No duplications of stamped confidential documents shall be  
18 made except by counsel to provide working copies and for filing in Court under  
19 seal pursuant to paragraph 7.

20 17. The Clerk may return to counsel or destroy any stamped confidential  
21 documents in its possession.

22 18. It is expressly understood by and between the parties that in granting  
23 access to or producing stamped confidential documents in this litigation, the parties  
24 shall be relying upon the terms and conditions of this Order.

25 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**  
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1 Dated: August 19, 2016

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8/23/16

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**EXHIBIT A****CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

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3 1. I acknowledge that I am about to receive confidential information  
4 supplied in connection with the proceeding, *Alisu Investments, Ltd., et al. v. TriMas*  
5 *Corporation*, C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:16-CV-00686-GHK(PJWx).

6 2. I have read the Protective Order governing the restricted use of  
7 confidential information in this litigation, a copy of which order has been provided  
8 to me. I understand the Protective Order and agree to abide by it.

9 3. I will not utilize any stamped confidential document or other  
10 information subject to the Protective Order for any purpose other than this  
11 litigation. I further affirm that I will not reveal the confidential information to, nor  
12 discuss it with, anyone, except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

13 4. I understand unauthorized disclosures of stamped confidential  
14 documents or their substance constitute contempt of court.

15 5. At the termination of this litigation, I will return all documents marked  
16 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL-SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE  
17 ORDER" as well as any copies, summaries or abstracts of them, and documents  
18 related to them, whether in hard copy, electronic, or digitized format, to the attorney  
19 providing confidential materials to me.

20 6. I submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Central  
21 District of California, as necessary to enforce the provisions of the Protective  
22 Order.

23 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Elizabeth M. Weaver, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States and employed in Los Angeles County, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is 555 South Flower Street, Forty-First Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071.

On August 19, 2016, I electronically filed the attached document(s):  
**STIPULATION AS TO [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER** with the Clerk of the court using the CM/ECF system which will then send a notification of such filing to the following:

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I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on August 19, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.

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